

## In Defense of Voting

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This is a passionate plea for those of you who feel too jaded to vote. There is much more at stake than you may know. It's a very important time in this country for the rational folks to keep control of the things that we hold dear. To ensure freedom and that this county and government serve all its' citizens, whether black, white, gay married, liberal and even unemployed or shiftless and wandering aimless. This is your country.

VOTE! Maybe it's not the most perfect democracy, but it's all we have and even if we get cock-blocked by the electoral college now and again, if we keep voting progressives in, we will reap the benefits from rational thought and compassionate governing. Those are two things that are glaringly missing from the GOP candidate this time! I THOUGHT they had some dogs in the past!...but WOW! I could never have imagined in my most pessimistic assessment of the largely white, male, christian, conservative, working poor demographic, their receptiveness to the most puerile, low-tech, WWF playbook, president Camacho, ham-fisted rhetoric used by the GOP in their propaganda and PR!

If these people had a TV that was broken, would they take it to an experienced educated repairman? Or would they take it to a guy who owned the most TV's because he MUST know something about fixing them! Even though he broke a few before and then returned them under warranty so he could break them again... hell! That's just the kind of underhanded PIECE O SHIT that could fix my TV or break it some more! But I'm so tired of these goddamned, educated, smarmy repairmen and their DEGREES and CERTIFICATES and TOOLS... I'd rather take my broken TV to THIS guy, who talks like I THINK, and has some of the BIGGEST goddamned TV's I'VE EVER SEEN! BIG UGLY TACKY ONES, that he DOESN'T EVEN WATCH! And I heard him say that if he can't fix mine, he KNOWS some people that said they can fix my TV and for SOME REASON, I TRUST THIS GUY, because he's got SO MANY goddamned TV's, why would he LIE? He sure in hell don't need MY little piece o shit TV...and I believe that since he spends so much time watching all those goddamned TV's he MUST have figured out something about them, even though as a TV repairman he's a clueless outsider... Hell, even if he broke my TV and ALL the other ones out there in the process... even if he broke EVERY goddamned TV IN EXISTENCE... at least we got to have our choice and be STUPID AS A TEAM and FUCK UP EVERYTHING in OUR OWN STUPID, SIMPLE IGNORANT, CLUELESS, MORONIC WAY! Just like a broken clock is right twice a day, our broken TV set is... well.... and there the analogy falls apart...

If you wouldn't give your TV set to an IDIOT... DON'T GIVE YOUR FUCKING COUNTRY TO ONE! FOR FUCK'S SAKE...

I GET IT! I GET IT! You don't like Hillary... It took me a long while to warm up to her... but don't let a smear campaign put forth from the GOP lobbyists, funded by OUR FUCKING TAX MONEY and millions from dark money, looking for ANYTHING ... looking high and low, using truth or blatant LIES to find SOMETHING NEW AND MAKE IT STICK! ...and they didn't really find SHIT... yes. some people died on her watch, which she actually tried to help protect... and some emails were sent and kept in the wrong way... which could have been a prosecutable offense, provided the previous three secretaries of state were also tried for the same crimes, as they were also guilty of the SAME thing and basically the FBI decided that no intentional leaks or malfeasance was committed and simply a little poor judgement amidst the

legacy of the same poor judgment in the last three Secretaries makes it seem like a non-issue the more you look at it, no matter how much money and attack ads you dedicate to it... it comes down to boring emails on a private server and not much EVIL being DONE.

IMPORTANT!: Hillary won't be next Hitler or STALIN... and if you can't see a vacuum of ignorance, a complete lack of humility and compassion from TRUMP, you have serious DADDY ISSUES and need to adjust your bifocals.

Hillary is the ONLY choice over nuclear winter, folks! Maybe we lost track of the great things the Clintons did in the midst of this barrage of GOP funded smear campaigns... Clintons DO give some ammunition.... they do fuck up on occasion... they're HUMAN... but they're not cruel... they're NOT MURDERERS and they UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT and how to enact PROGRESSIVE INCREMENTAL CHANGE... unlike Trump and even BERNIE who have these high and mighty ideals that simply WON'T SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY in this fucked up congress of negative nellys...

The Clintons oversaw the largest growth in middle class income in the history of the US and left a SURPLUS that GW gave away his first week in OFFICE! Imagine giving every tax payer enough money to buy a dinner at KFC! What a great guy this BUSH was! Giving away the US's first surplus left by a president, hoping that everyone bought a dinner at KFC and talked about what a good old boy GW was, buying them dinner at the goddamned KFC...a total idiot from the start!

but... Hillary is SMART and she is COMPASSIONATE and she is a STRONG WOMAN who won't take SHIT from ANYONE... we need this kind of leader... not a thin-skinned, self-obsessed, narcissist, sociopath... WHAT THE FUCK WERE the GOP THINKING? Probably what everyone else was thinking... this guy is going to flare out ANY minute now... he's a walking GAFF... he's a blooper reel... a reality TV star doing his best bit yet!... Any minute he'll go back to his bus and tell everyone to go home... any fucking minute...

FYI THIS is why the DEMs have SUPERDELEGATES... because should a demagogue come down the pike... they can SHUT THAT FUCKER DOWN FROM THE START... Even though there haven't been many from the Democratic side...

Basically ... INTELLIGENCE, COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING and UNDERSTANDING THE US's place in the WORLD today as a LEADER and EXAMPLE of what FREEDOM and PRIVILEGE in the hands of a humane and genteel populace are the aims of the Democratic party. While the GOP seeks to diffuse and dissolve that which makes us special...

## 1. Family planning: choices!

Not just abortion, although they would have us driving down to Mexico again, for the modern equivalent of the coat-hanger procedure... in horrid conditions, some dying AGAIN from preventable problems! The Evangelicals are waging a MEDIA CAMPAIGN against abortion doctors and clinics and of all things STEM CELL RESEARCH! The VERY thing that Ronnie Reagan was against during his reign, as a puppet to the religious right, he banned stem cell research and use of fetal tissue BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT! You mean DEAD BABIES!?! Oh Hell No! Not even if it's a cure or cancer! It's what now??

Until the old bastard Ronnie got sick and then they were full speed in reverse, trying to GET THAT STEM CELL STUFF STARTED AGAIN! SAVE MY RONNIE! I'll GET YOU SOME FETAL TISSUE! YOU NEED SOME BABY MEAT? I'll FIND IT! Give me ten minutes!!! Which is another FALISY... there is no HUGE Market for fetal tissue and the folks that provide it are mainly just interested in it getting to the best place for research. Yes, there WAS money exchanged, but it's not the grey market bullshit the religious right made it out to be in that unfortunate and heavily edited and horribly biased video. This is more of the same, religion should not be used to dumb down and harm the populace. If you want to talk about evil for-profit ventures that have a hand in politics, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN YOUR LARGE ORGANIZED CHRISTIAN CHURCHES... especially in the south, where everything BAD is MUCH WORSE. These places are the closest thing to evil in our society and they have it ALL... sex, drugs, child porn and dirty back room deals and political agendas. And all TAX FREE! Fix that shit now!

2. GOOD SCHOOLS and FUNDING FOR THEM! No Child Left Behind was a thinly veiled attack on low performing schools that NEED THE MOST HELP! You can't punish schools that are the only hope in the perpetual cycle of poverty and ignorance.... WE NEED MORE MONEY for education! And maybe we can crawl back into the TOP TEN of educated countries, since we fell well below the top 20 some years ago... some of which are third world countries.

3. PUBLIC TELEVISION AND RADIO!!!! (For shit's sake, PBS is our own BBC and together with american public radio, the only voice of reason in the heavily partisan news outlets! News told dispassionately and from all sides, even though the GOP threatens their very existence... they still get an equal voice! That is pure class! PBS! The coolest thing in the US media system!)

4. AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE and for the first time in our history the most evil bastards in big PHARMA and the INSURANCE LOBBY (two of the deepest pockets pulling the strings in the lobbying scam, with their hands so deep in the pockets of the GOP congressmen, they squeezed their balls until they started screaming ANYTHING to halt the dreadful progress this president made towards national healthcare... they squeezed those republicans balls so tight they started speaking in TONGUES about DEATH PANELS and HARVESTING ORGANS FROM LIVING GRANDPARENTS AND THAT THE HOSPITALS WOULD SHUT DOWN ... and PEOPLE WOULD LOSE THEIR COVERAGE (which actually happened, but only when people had completely useless coverage, and they got better coverage with smaller or NO deductible... and then they really started screaming from the strings around their balls getting so TIGHT, that the economy would collapse, and the govt subsidized agents wouldn't cover anyone... then they went absolutely berserk when they covered people with pre-existing conditions and OLD PEOPLE... AIG panicked and laid off half of their lobbyists and CEO's, knowing the gig was up... the largest company in the WORLD had been rendered obsolete by a wily black president executive order and once the coverage was OUT OF THE BAG, they knew there was no turning back. The GOP candidates talk about repealing it to this day... just like they talked about repealing MEDICARE and MEDICAID and SOCIAL SECURITY back when the DEMOCRATS started THOSE as well... saying it wasn't RIGHT to give away services to older americans or to pay them retirement wages, that they were too PROUD to accept charity, amongst other ridiculous things

And the nerve!... that alone! WHY would you vote for an older man who would have you DIE A PAINFUL HORRIBLE DEATH, in a PUBLIC NURSING HOME because your MEDICINE and TREATMENT and your PREVENTABLE CONDITION made you WRETCHED AND POOR?!?

A vote for TRUMP is a vote for a GIANT TUMOR IN YOUR ASS... and now, LIKE THE ONE STICKING OUT OF YOUR ASS, AND GIANT TUMOR IN THE OVAL OFFICE..., NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THEM BOTH... good luck sitting down for the next few years...

In this great new POST ACA era, you don't get preventive care... you WAIT to become sick enough for them to HAVE to cut the tumor out after dealing with a softball sized protrusion for months and years, as it wasn't precipitated by any emergency condition, and now, when services rendered too late from the broken system of old, you die from metastasis, because it wasn't "life threatening" when it was just a softball sticking out of your ass...

DON'T VOTE FOR A TUMOR IN YOUR ASS! FOR GOD'S SAKE! WHY DOES THIS NEED TO BE SAID?!?

5. If you think this election looks rigged, you're in for a FUCKING HORRIBLE REALITY... right now, the GOP have laws in the books in nearly every state making it difficult for POOR SCHMUCKS LIKE YOU, MINORITIES and when they have CONTROL, these laws will become MORE PRECISE in WEEDING OUT the liberals and folks that AREN'T DUMB ENOUGH TO VOTE FOR THEIR OWN FIGURATIVE OR LITERAL CASTRATION (Chemical and SURGICALcastration was always a FAVORITE down south! YEEE HAW!)

And then they will re-draw all the districts in ALL THE STATES so that even if there IS an overwhelming majority of votes for the OTHER PARTY, it won't matter because they'll get all the electoral votes and the other guys will get that ONE convoluted district that starts on the wrong side of the tracks and skips in a broken line across the state, with ONE voting station for half a million residents, who can't get registered ANYHOW... don't believe it will get that bad? IT ALREADY IS! Just in smaller pockets in the south and South-east, which is making up for lost time in recent civil rights abridgments!

6. KISS GAY RIGHTS GOODBYE! They won't come out and SAY that's what they're doing... because the insidious bastards don't HAVE to say it... AND they are funded and powered by the EVANGELICALS, and again... ESPECIALLY DOWN SOUTH!! Since it's a FEDERAL LAW NOW, they won't make gay marriage illegal AGAIN, as it WAS until recently... they'll just take all the things away that make it a marriage, such as tax breaks and estate laws regarding next of kin... where instead of a trust defaulting to a spouse, it will go to the next blood relative or in the absence of blood relative, THE STATE

... and already the southern states have opened the flood gates on sexual discrimination towards gays and OTHERS SUCH AS WOMEN and TRANS GENDER... not by making violence and discrimination LEGAL, but by making it DAMN NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO PROSECUTE OR SUE in blatant cases of abuse and discrimination.... in these states, you can KILL a gay man BECAUSE he's gay and simply get a murder 2 charge and a few years in jail... it's HAPPENING

NOW! They took all the teeth out of the hate crime legislation to ALLOW THIS. GET USED TO THIS...pretty sure Trump don't cotton to no PANSIES! He's a man's man! An ORANGE Man'S Man'S MAN! LOL

7. CLIMATE CHANGE: Just like the STEM CELLS and the other bullshit fabrication from the right... they want to DENY the reality of CLIMATE CHANGE until it becomes horribly painfully evident and millions of people die from the ocean's water's rising and half our land mass disappearing ! The tipping point is almost at hand and without the major powers in the world being on board, we're looking at becoming an entire planet of 3rd world countries with no infrastructure and no more FUCKING LAND! It's not like the planet was ALWAYS a hospitable place for HUMAN LIFE... in fact, less than ten thousand years ago, we were pushed back to a sliver of humanity hanging on by a thread in the last warm place on the planet, while we were learning to walk upright so we could cover more area, to get away from whatever was killing us at that moment! Pretending it doesn't exist is EASY when you don't believe in the FOSSIL RECORD! When dinosaurs roamed the planet 6000 years ago and man came from CLAY EARTH and Eve from his rib (after LILLITH learned her lesson about being a prideful outspoken woman in the GARDEN... apparently women's liberation was the ORIGINAL ORIGINAL SIN, or a precursor to self-awareness, which for some reason was ALSO labeled a sin in the GARDEN of EDEN!).

This is all as big as it gets... livable, inhabitable space on a planet covered already in 75% of its surface with WATER...

DON'T VOTE FOR TRUMP, because when he says he will make this country what it once was, he means "an arctic region covered with ICE and or WATER" !!

8. The Supreme Court will be irreversibly FUCKED UP by one of many CHRISTIAN ACTIVIST judges out there! It's no secret... they want to install their PUPPET in the highest court to do some serious backpedaling in regards to reproductive rights, civil rights, prayer in schools, identifying the US as a "CHRISTIAN NATION" and they'll get someone who will play ball and vote with them and accentuate the class divisions between the working poor and the super RICH .1% with the middle class a distant dream!

CITIZENS UNITED was passed by an already tainted and lopsided GOP appointed majority SUPREME COURT, ...how else could they listen to and SWALLOW THE BULLSHIT that a CORPORATION is an INDIVIDUAL and knowing full well that they had tainted the election process and made it so a grass roots candidate or third party could NEVER get a foothold against the BIG TWO, since they could get unlimited money by ANONYMOUS DONORS, who were actually CORPORATIONS who were ACTUALLY INDIVIDUALS...and by DOING THIS, they opened the flood gates for DARK MONEY from SHADOWY ENTITIES that are wholesale BUYING THEIR INFLUENCE in this modern day government.

IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED and the only way we can deal with this is to EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE that these people are EVIL incarnate and VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE. President Obama nominated a wonderful and extremely qualified judge for the Supreme court vacancy... and of COURSE the GOP led congress not only balked, they REFUSED TO EVEN HEAR HIM or even CONSIDER OR INTERVIEW HIM for the job.

Now, that seems like typical ASSHOLE behavior that we're used to from these piss poor excuses for humans, especially Mitch McConnell, who has become one of the most universally reviled people on the face of the planet by being 180 degrees out of phase with any intelligent persons in his midst... he defends the last bastions of the RED NECK, WHITE BRED, FUCKERS... because, but only has he voiced his intensions... as he has on many occasions, that leading the american people is not his priority, legislation and progress is not his priority, DOING HIS JOB is not his priority, ALL HE HAS SET HIS SIGHTS ON DOING IS MAKING BARACK OBAMAS' presidency unsuccessful at ALL COSTS... first he said that his main objective was to make him a ONE TERM PRESIDENT, and when that didn't work, he didn't come on board... he didn't break down and decide to DO HIS JOB and maybe EASE the suffering of the unemployed or INJURED WAR VETERANS... he SHUT congress down on MORE THAN ONE OCCASION for no other reason than to have the political equivalent of a TANTRUM... ONLY HIS CHILDISH BEHAVIOR HURTS MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS and his intensions are that the american people don't understand that it's because of this OLD WHITE FUCK-BAG having a BABY FIT in congress, that they will blame the PRESIDENT, who has done all he can for the American workers, the out of work and the mentally and physically inured veterans who fought in the GOP LED AND LIE-DRIVEN ILLEGAL ACTS OF WAR AGAINST SOVEREIGN NATIONS (however backward) because and only because they were SITTING ON OUR OIL... NEVER FORGET that we killed over 200,000 that's 2 and FUCKING FIVE ZEROS of Iraqi deaths in an illegal war. Not that Hussein didn't need to be removed... but lying about it and the WMD's was wrong on EVERY level... and it's ONLY because these people are living on OUR OIL, that they were unfortunately forced to fight and DIE in a war against the greatest superpower in the world. The fact of the matter is, that WE, at the time, had a LOT in common with IRAQ, in that we had a president that was illegally elected and lost the popular vote, who lied and cajoled the US, congress, the UN and the UK into entering into an illegal war... even though there had been MANY more atrocities committed, genocides, invasions, enslavement, GASSING and worse... but these places didn't garner our interest because they weren't sitting on top of OUR OIL... so they don't get the helpful hand of the US invading and killing one out of 20 military aged men... THAT's NEARLY the definition of DECIMATION... to kill ONE IN TEN of military aged prospective soldiers or militia members.

BUT BACK TO THE SUPREME COURT... Obama nominated a CONSERVATIVE JUDGE and a FAIR JUDGE... a much needed VOICE OF REASON that wouldn't be inclined to have a liberal OR conservative bias... and the GOP congress led by Mitch McConnell WOULDN'T EVEN TALK TO THE MAN... they KNEW who he was and that the president had made a magnanimous gesture to the GOP by nominating someone who was so much of the flavor of the old-time, god-ol' days, true conservative judge with a big untarnished streak of integrity running from his day as a trial lawyer to his pro-bono public service, to his settling matters of great importance with a balanced hand and a well-practiced understanding of the laws and how they are used... but the GOP wouldn't even make time to have a five minute chat... (there was one congressman out of them all that talked to him and thought he was the perfect candidate for the position)...

BUT... the nerve of these bastards knows no bounds... They didn't disqualify him... they carefully disallowed his vetting process in order to have him be still viable if for instance... for instance if ... HILLARY WON THE ELECTION... then they would nominate him in a matter of

MINUTES, because staring at the face of possibly losing the congress, and having a new LIBERAL PRESIDENT IN OFFICE, they could not only lose a place in the supreme court, they could lose their asses by having, instead of this pillar of the judicial system, some RADICAL LIBERAL JUDGE that will make Hillary look like FUCKING JOHN WAYNE! So they have in essence admitted that the man Obama nominated was as perfect a candidate as any republican or democrat could ever pick... but the fact that it came from this, the FIRST BLACK president, they not only didn't nominate him, they wouldn't even give him the time of day to hear his qualifications... worried that the American public might get the idea that this Judge was absolutely the BEST man for the job and deserved it and that Mitch McConnell is one of the most egregious waste of protoplasm in the known universe. Death can only come to soon to this man, so that the rest of the human race can try to correct this horrible mistake by both society and nature itself. This was a fuckup in every sense and Mitch, if you get to read this, your kids hate you, every warm blooded american hates you, and I hate you and I dearly hope your heart does the honorable thing and dies of shame, to have perpetuated the behavior you have been responsible for. You are The lowest form of life on Capital hill.... But that's only because There hasn't been a TRUMP PRESIDENCY and DEAR GOD, and every compassionate republican and every conservative and every liberal... do NOT ever think that this is anything other than suicide to vote for this man. This is so much more important than any other election. Don't fuck this up!

Please for the love of all that is good in this county. Vote for anyone but Trump. Anyone... ANY-----ONE!

Thank you for reading my heart-felt, long held beliefs. This is your country to take back. Please do it!